

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96751

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Appln. No.: 10/591,249

Group Art Unit: 1621

Confirmation No.: 8302

Examiner: Marialouisa Lao

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For: METHOD FOR EXTRACTING SLURRY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 2, 2007 from February 2, 2008 to March 3, 2008, March 2, 2008 being a Sunday.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

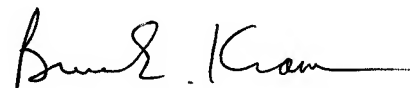
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